



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

FCCLA and Family and Consumer Sciences
Study Questions for Regional, State and National Officer Candidates

For use in the election of the 2004-2005 FCCLA Officers

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*These questions reflect information found in the
FCCLA Chapter Handbook, National FCCLA Web Site, and State FCCLA Web Site.*

1. Who is the legal governing board of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America?

The National Board of Directors. The board determines policy, oversees financial affairs, evaluates current programs and assists in long-range planning and organizational management. Members are both appointed and elected.

2. Where is the national headquarters located?

Reston, Virginia

3. Which two organizations endorse Family, Career and Community Leaders of America?

U.S. Department of Education (Office of Vocational and Adult Education) and the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS)

4. How much are member national dues?

\$7.00 per person

5. What is the FCCLA tagline?

FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience

6. What are the four national FCCLA regions?

North Atlantic, Southern, Central, Pacific

7. Missouri is located in which region?

Central

8. How is the number of national officers determined?

Six national officers are elected at-large and four national officers are elected by their respective regions. The at-large candidate representing occupational membership with the most votes, the at-large candidate representing comprehensive membership with the most votes, and the four remaining candidates with the highest number of votes will become the six national officers elected at-large. A total of 10 are elected.

9. What are the five basic components of an FCCLA chapter?

Membership, advisor, leadership, meetings and projects

10. Who is eligible to be a member of FCCLA?

Any student who is taking or has taken a family and consumer sciences education course and who pays the appropriate membership dues, or is a part of a middle level chapter affiliation program.

11. What is FCCLA?

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work and societal issues through family and consumer sciences education.

12. What is an integrated or co-curricular FCCLA chapter?

A program that integrates FCCLA chapter activities into the classroom family and consumer sciences program of study. Missouri recommends FCCLA be an integral part of the instructional program.

13. What is the planning process?

A simple five-step method to help chapter members and advisors plan individual, group or chapter projects and activities

14. What is a program of work?

Chapter's plans for the year

15. What is youth-centered leadership?

Process through which youth members are responsible for planning, carrying out and evaluating chapter projects and activities

16. What is the mission of FCCLA?

To promote personal growth and leadership development through family and consumer sciences education. Focusing on the multiple roles of family member, wage earner and community leader, members develop skills for life through – character development; creative and critical thinking; interpersonal communication; practical knowledge; and vocational preparation.

17. What are the eight purposes of FCCLA?

1. *To provide opportunities for personal development and preparation for adult life.*
2. *To strengthen the function of the family as the basic unit of society.*
3. *To encourage democracy through cooperative action in the home and community.*
4. *To encourage individual and group involvement in helping achieve global cooperation and harmony.*
5. *To promote greater understanding between youth and adults.*
6. *To provide opportunities for making decisions and for assuming responsibilities.*
7. *To prepare for the multiple roles of men and women in today's society.*
8. *To promote family and consumer sciences and related occupations.*

18. What are the 53 state associations?

The 50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands

19. Who is the current executive director of FCCLA?

Alan T. Rains, Jr.

20. What is the role of a chapter president?

Presides over the class during project selection and planning. Appoints committees or members for specific jobs related to projects. Serves on the chapter executive council, if one exists.

21. What is the role of the chapter vice-president?

Assists the president in overseeing the work of project committees. Fills in when the president is absent.

22. What is the role of the chapter secretary?

Maintains written minutes of the decisions related to projects and activities. Works with president to complete a written Planning Process worksheet to be posted for member review.

23. What is the role of the chapter treasurer?

Collects and records all fundraising monies and dues. Maintains written records and receipts for all funds spent on chapter project(s).

24. What are bylaws?

Bylaws are the rules adopted by an organization for governing its activities.

25. Name the four kinds of membership in FCCLA.

Active, Alumni, Associate and Honorary

26. How many members are needed to form a chapter?

There is no minimum requirement.

27. Can students in private schools be members of FCCLA?

Yes, as long as they meet membership requirements.

28. What are the three methods of voting?

Voice votes, roll call, or ballot

29. What is a Quorum?

Minimum number of members that must be present to conduct the business of the meeting; usually a simple majority unless otherwise specified in the bylaws.

30. How is FCCLA financed?

FCCLA is a nonprofit organization funded primarily by membership dues.

31. What do national dues support?

Teen Times; The Adviser Newsletter; chapter mailings; national program development; chapter resources; leadership training; national promotion of the organization; membership cards and processing; membership promotion; National Board of Directors and National Executive Council activities; fundraising and seeking corporate sponsors; operating expenses of the national headquarters and staff.

32. What is affiliation?

The process of formally joining FCCLA by paying membership dues.

33. Who is eligible to use the names “Family, Career and Community Leaders of America” and “FCCLA”, as well as the emblem?

Only affiliated (dues paying) members.

34. What does the FCCLA emblem represent?

The FCCLA emblem represents Family, Career and Community Leaders of America as a dynamic, active organization. The dominant collegiate lettering articulates a focus on education and student leadership. The swooping arch embodies an active organization that moves toward new arenas. The color of the emblem is one of the organizational colors – red.

35. What are the official FCCLA colors?

Red suggests strength, courage and determination – personal qualities leading to happiness through a positive self-image.

White symbolizes sincerity of purpose and integrity of action, qualities that will help individuals build a better tomorrow.

36. What is the FCCLA flower?

The red rose represents the organization because it gives joy through its beauty and fragrance. It symbolizes a desire for beauty in everyday living.

37. What is the FCCLA motto?

A motto is a short expression of an organization's guiding principles – a phrase that is appropriate to or indicates its character. The FCCLA motto is Toward New Horizons.

38. Repeat the creed.

*We are the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.
We face the future with warm courage and high hope.*

*For we have the clear consciousness of seeking old and precious values.
For we are the builders of home,
Home for America's future,
Homes where living will be the expression of everything that is good and fair,
Homes where truth and love and security and faith will be realities, not dreams.*

*We are the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.
We face the future with warm courage and high hope.*

39. Where should the FCCLA emblem be worn?

Wear the emblem over the heart or on a jacket pocket.

40. Where should the pin be worn?

The pin is worn over the heart. Members, advisers, honorary members, Alumni & Associate member and chapter parents may wear the pin.

41. Who is considered one of the most influential leaders in the founding of Future Homemakers of America?

Edna P. Amidon, an educator and promoter of home economics education. She served as the organization's first board chair.

42. Who was the first national advisor?

Dr. Hazel Frost

43. What was the amount of the first dues in 1945?

10 cents

44. When and where was Future Homemakers of America founded?

June, 1945 in Chicago, Illinois

45. What is the name of the organization's magazine, and when was it first published?

Teen Times was first published in 1945.

46. The first national convention was held where and when?

July 1948, in Kansas City, MO

47. What is the organization's central focus?

The family

48. When did the Future Homemakers of America and the New Homemakers of America merge?

July, 1965

49. When were HERO (Home Economics Related Organizations) chapters founded?

1971

50. STAR Events began in what year?

1983

51. When was the name of the organization changed to Family, Career and Community Leaders of America?

July, 1999

52. Missouri was chartered as a state association in what year?

April, 1946, Missouri is the 29th chartered state association

53. Involvement in FCCLA offers members the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life. What are skills for life?

Planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making and interpersonal communication – necessary in the home and workplace.

54. Who is the current (2003-2004) National President?

Jonathan Wichman, Arkansas

55. Who is the current (2003-2004) State President?

Amari Howard, Hazelwood East High School, Region 5

56. How many students are involved in FCCLA?

Nearly 222,000 chapter members in nearly 8,000 local chapters. Over nine million youth have been involved in the organization since its founding in 1945.

57. What are the six career areas of family and consumer sciences?

Early Childhood, Education and Services

Food Production and Services

Hospitality, Tourism and Recreation

Housing, Interiors and Furnishings

Textiles and Apparel

Family and Consumer Sciences Education

58. Distinguish between comprehensive and occupational members.

Comprehensive members are currently enrolled in or have taken courses in family and consumer sciences (family-focused). Occupational members are currently enrolled or have taken courses toward preparation for a specific family and consumer sciences career (wage-earning).

59. What qualifications are needed to be a chapter advisor?

Must be a certificated comprehensive or occupational family and consumer sciences educator.

60. What is the amount of national dues?

\$7.00 per person. Urban affiliation dues are \$3500 (based on 500 members) and middle level dues are \$350 (based on 50 members).

61. What is the amount of state dues?

\$2.00 per person. Urban affiliation dues are \$1000 (based on 500 members) and middle level dues are \$100 (based on 50 members).

62. What is the amount of a one-year membership in Alumni & Associates?

\$15 national dues; \$5 state dues. Graduating seniors are eligible for ½ price membership.

63. Who is eligible for Alumni & Associates membership?

Former FCCLA, FHA (Future Homemakers of America), NHA (New Homemakers of America), HERO members, and individuals who share the goals and purposes of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

64. By what procedure are all meetings to be conducted?

Parliamentary Procedure, using Robert's Rules of Order

65. What is the URL address for the National FCCLA web site?

www.fcclainc.org

66. How many issues of Teen Times are published each year?

Four (October, December, February, and April)

67. Who is the administrative body/sponsor of the Missouri Association FCCLA?

Family and Consumer Sciences and Human Services Education Section, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

68. Where is the state FCCLA office located?

Jefferson City, Missouri, within the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

69. Who is the Missouri State FCCLA Advisor?

Christine Hollingsworth

70. How many regions are in Missouri?

13

71. Approximately how many students are members of Missouri FCCLA?

Over 14,000 students in over 400 local chapters

72. What is the term of a State Executive Council Member?

One year

73. How is the number of State Vice Presidents determined?

One from each of the 13 regions

74. What is the specific duty of state officers?

To serve as a liaison between the state and regional organizations

75. How is the Occupational Representative chosen for the State Executive Council?

Appointed by the President in consultation with the state advisor

76. What state officer is responsible for state STAR Events?

State 1st Vice President

77. Name the two state programs.

The Legislative Shadowing Project and Leadership Unlimited.

78. What are the “Missouri Only” STAR Events?

FCCLA Knowledge and Impromptu Speaking

79. What is the meaning of the acronym STAR in STAR Events?

Students Taking Action with Recognition

80. How many STAR Events are available to members?

16 – 14 national events and two state-only events

81. List the 16 STAR Events.

Applied Technology, Career Investigation, Chapter Service Project, Chapter Showcase, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood, Entrepreneurship, FCCLA Knowledge, Focus on Children, Hospitality, Illustrated Talk, Impromptu Speaking, Interpersonal Communications, Job Interview, National Programs in Action, Parliamentary Procedure

82. Name the five steps of the Planning Process.

Identify Concerns, Set a Goal, Form a Plan, Act, and Follow Up

83. Name the five units of Power of One.

A Better You, Family Ties, Working on Working, Take the Lead, Speak out for FCCLA

84. Name the Advisor Recognition Programs available.

Master Advisor, Advisor Mentor, Years of Service, Spirit of Advising and Missouri Excellence in Advising Award

85. Name the six units of Career Connection.

Plug In To Careers, Sign On to the Career Connection, Program Career Steps, Link Up to Jobs, Access Skills for Career Success, and Integrate Work and Life

86. What are the three main goals of Career Connection?

To help young people explore what is important in a career and start to prepare; to introduce young people to a career development process they can use throughout their lifetimes; and to help young people understand and prepare for the interactions among career, families and communities.

87. What national program guides students to develop, plan, carry out and evaluate projects that improve the quality of life in their communities?

Community Service Program

88. What is the emphasis of the Dynamic Leadership program?

The leadership aspects of family and consumer sciences topics, focuses and recognizes students' leadership development through FCCLA and clarifies the role of leadership strengths in family, career and community success.

89. What is the tagline message for Families First?

Families First is a national FCCLA program that teaches young people to be strong family members.

90. What are the five units of Families First?

Families Today, You-Me-Us, Balancing Family and Career, Meet the Challenge, Parent Practice

91. What is the meaning of the acronym FACTS?

Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety

92. What is the tagline message for FACTS?

FACTS is a national FCCLA program through which young people strive to save lives through sober driving, seat belt use, and safe driving habits.

93. Name the three topic areas of FACTS.

Think SMART, Buckle-Up and Arrive Alive

94. What is peer education?

A method of education where teens teach teens – their peers

95. What is the tagline message for Financial Fitness?

Financial Fitness is a national FCCLA program that teaches young people to make, save, and spend money wisely.

96. Name the five Financial Fitness units.

Banking Basics, Cash Control, Consumer Clout, Making Money, Financing Your Future

97. What is the tagline message for Student Body?

Student Body is a national FCCLA program that teaches young people to eat right, be fit, and make healthy choices.

98. Name the three topic areas of Student Body.

Eat Right, Be Fit and Make Healthy Choices

99. Who is eligible for full scholarships in the Japanese Exchange Program?

Members in their sophomore and junior years of high school

100. What are the goals of the Leaders at Work program?

To recognize career-oriented FCCLA members; encourage members' leadership development; and promote family and consumer sciences related careers.

101. What is the meaning of the acronym STOP in the STOP the Violence program?

Students Taking On Prevention

102. What are the three “R’s” of the STOP the Violence program?

Recognize, Report, and Reduce

103. What is the meaning of the acronym A PLUS?

A Positive Lifestyle for Ultimate Success

104. Which national meetings are held each fall, in each of the four national regions?

Cluster meetings

105. National Leadership Meeting will be held in what city in 2004?

Chicago, Illinois

106. What is the name of the national membership campaign?

Member Quest 2004

107. What are the three “R’s” of the Member Quest program?

Recruit, Retain, and Recognize

108. What is membership activity for new FCCLA members?

Step One

109. What is the name of the Missouri Membership campaign?

Pump Up Your Membership

110. What is the name of the Missouri Community Service Project?

Hand In Hand, We Can